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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF PROPANE

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1. WE ARE POUCHING VOLUME 8, NO. 33, STATISTICS CANADA SERVICE BULLETIN ENTITLED ENERGY STATISTICS, WHICH GIVE SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION OF PROPANES AND BUTANES FOR YEARS 1970, 1971 AND 1972.

2. DATA SHOW CANADIAN PRODUCTION (IN MILLION BARRELS OF 35 CANADIAN GALLONS) 26.5 FOR 1970, 28.2 FOR 1971, AND 34.6 FOR 1972. ROUGHLY HALF OF PRODUCTION WAS EXPORTED IN 1972 WITH 14.8 MILLION BARRELS GOING TO U.S. AND 3.1 MILLION BARRELS EXPORTED OFFSHORE, MAINLY TO JAPAN. (WE NOTE FROM U.S. DATA FT 135-782-12, ITEM 3410020, THAT U.S. 1972 IMPORTS FROM CANADA WERE 27.9 MILLION U.S. BARRELS VALUED AT \$60.2 MILLION.

3. IN OUR VIEW, AVAILABILITY CANADIAN PROPANE WILL CONTINUE AT ABOUT SAME LEVEL IN 1974. EXPORTS TO U.S. TAKE PLACE THROUGH NORMAL COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. WITH GOC NOW RESTRICTING EXPORTS OF REFINERY FEED STOCKS,

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AS WELL AS NATURAL GAS THROUGH NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

LICENSING PROCESS, SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS PROBABLY
WOULD BE APPLIED TO PROPANE EXPORTS IF IT APPEARED
THAT IN ABSENCE OF SUCH CONTROLS CANADIAN CONSUMERS
WOULD SUFFER FROM PHYSICAL SHORTAGES OF PROPANE.

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